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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Attorney Docket No. 00-1156)

In re the Application of:

Blomme

Application No.: 09/674,258

Filing Date: February 2, 2001

For: Suturing Means for Connecting
a Tubular Vascular Prosthesis..., and
a Vascular Prosthesis System

Examiner: Nerbun, Peter P.

Art Unit: 3765

Confirmation No.: 5033

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED APRIL 30, 2003

Commissioner for Patents,
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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In response to the Office Action mailed April 30, 2003, the applicant respectfully
requests consideration of the following remarks and amendment. A petition for a three month
extension of time and a check in the amount of the required fee are attached. Accordingly, a
response is due October 30, 2003.

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on October 30, 2003.

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